

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 23 2006

THE HARLESTON LAW FIRM, LLC

909 Tall Pine Road ♦ Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464-2909 ♦ Phone: 843-971-9453 ♦ Fax: 843-971-9505

JOHN HARLESTON

KATHLEEN McMAHON HARLESTON

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: January 23, 2006

TO: Examiner Esther O. Okezie

Fax: 571-273-8300

Voice: 571-272-6853

FROM: Kathleen M. Harleston

Fax: 843-971-9505

Voice: 843-971-9453

THIS IS PAGE ONE OF 4.

MESSAGE:

See attached.

WARNING: This document may contain confidential or privileged information. If you have received this transmission by mistake or are not the intended recipient, please contact us at once by calling collect at 843-971-9453 and return the document to us by mail at the above address.

SENT: _____ AM/PM _____, 2006 BY: _____

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 23 2006

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-003

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/817,621
	Filing Date	April 3, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Larry V. Weathers et al.
	Art Unit	3652
	Examiner Name	Esther O. Okezie
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number 1130

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Supplemental</i> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	The Harleston Law Firm, LLC		
Signature	<i>Kathleen M. Harleston</i>		
Printed name	Kathleen M. Harleston		
Date	January 23, 2006	Reg. No.	33,398

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:			
Signature	<i>Kathleen M. Harleston</i>		
Typed or printed name	Kathleen M. Harleston	Date	January 23, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

JAN 23 2006

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Complete if Known

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**
(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Application Number	10/817,621
Filing Date	April 3, 2004
First Named Inventor	Larry V. Weathers et al.
Art Unit	3652
Examiner Name	Esther O. Okezie
Attorney Docket Number	1130

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 6,378,577 B1	04/30/2002	Piner et al.	
		US- 1,167,782	01/11/1916	Richards	
		US- 4,312,531	01/26/1982	Cross	
		US- 435,638	09/02/1890	Barnes	
		US- 5,785,369	07/28/1998	Ridley, Sr. et al.	
		US- D513,352 S	12/27/2005	Weathers et al.	
		US- D219,305	11/1970	Mozneck	
		US- D288,493	02/1987	Lopez	
		US- D499,075	11/2004	Yoon et al.	
		US- D304,872	11/1989	Jebb	
		US- D308,270	05/1990	Sarabia	
		US- D309,966	08/1990	Bishop	
		US- D376,237	12/1996	Hayes et al.	
		US- D440,729	04/2001	Piner et al.	
		US- 4,760,982	08/1988	Cooke	
		US- 4,892,223	01/1990	DeMent	
		US- 5,205,107	04/1993	Herink	
		US- 6,155,522	12/2000	Anderson	
		US- 6,450,461	09/2002	Lohmann	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ² Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.6 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2005. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Complete if Known**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

Application Number	10/817,621
Filing Date	April 3, 2004
First Named Inventor	Larry V. Weathers et al.
Art Unit	3652
Examiner Name	Esther O. Okezie
Attorney Docket Number	1130

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 6,293,505	08/25/2001	Fan	
		US- 6,226,970	05/08/2001	Busboom et al.	
		US- 6,151,875	11/28/2000	Collins	
		US- 5,864,919	02/02/1999	Pineda	
		US- 5,546,738	08/20/96	Turner	
		US- 5,308,027	05/03/94	Fullilove	
		US- 4,981,274	01/01/1991	McVay et al.	
		US- 4,791,779	12/20/1988	Hoffman	
		US- 4,597,203	07/01/1986	Middleton	
		US- D401,027	11/10/1998	Mueller	
		US- 6,536,488	03/2003	Pochobradsky	
		US- 3,848,841	11/19/1974	Rafeldt	
		US- 4,461,441	07/24/1984	Briggs	
		US- 4,946,118	08/07/1990	Hastings	
		US- 5,167,390	12/01/1992	Baghdadi	
		US- 5,207,107	05/1993	Wolf et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ² Number ⁴ Kind Code ³ (if known)			

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. ⁶ If possible. ⁷ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.